



237TH ARMY BIRTHDAY

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Army G-2 Sponsors 2012 Army Birthday Ball at Washington Hilton

Registration for the event will open April 23 on Army Knowledge Online

WASHINGTON — In honor of the Army's 237th birthday, the Army G-2, on behalf of the Secretary of the Army and the Chief of Staff of the Army, will sponsor the 2012 Army Birthday Ball at the Washington Hilton, located at 1919 Connecticut Ave., NW, from 5 p.m. to midnight on Saturday, June 16.

All active-duty, Army Reserve and Army National Guard Soldiers, Army family members, Department of the Army civilians, government contractors, Army retirees and Army veterans may purchase 2012 Army Birthday Ball tickets only through the Army Knowledge Online (AKO) page <https://www.us.army.mil/suite/page/ArmyBirthdayBall> beginning 8 a.m. April 23. Ticket registration will be open until Thursday, May 31 or until all tickets are sold.

The Washington Hilton offers rooms at \$129/night plus tax to ball attendees. To receive the discounted rate, attendees must make room reservations under the group name "Army Birthday Ball" by calling the hotel at 202-483-3000. The hotel recommends early reservation to ensure availability of rooms at the reduced rate.

Hotel valet parking is available for \$39 and self parking for \$20 for the event or \$28 for overnight. Additional parking is available at nearby garages including across the street. Additional information regarding transportation, menu, ticket prices, etc. will be posted on the AKO Birthday Ball registration site.

The Army Birthday Ball is a formal event, and the attire for civilians is formal evening wear or black tie. Military uniform is Army Dress Green/Service Dress/Dress Mess/Class A with white shirt and bow tie, or equivalent for other services.

Howard University's award-winning vocal jazz ensemble, *Afro Blue*, will perform at the ball, and this year's headliner entertainment is *World Classic Rockers*, a band featuring musicians from legendary the acts of *Steppenwolf*, *Journey*, *Lynyrd Skynyrd*, *Santana*, *Boston* and *Toto*.

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